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TERRACE ISSUED COMMUNITY FOREST AGREEMENT

TERRACE – The City of Terrace has been issued a five-year probationary community forest agreement, Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman announced today.

"Terrace is a natural choice for a community forest," Coleman said. "The city has a strong forestry tradition and the initiative and ability to build on that tradition, through the economic opportunities the agreement offers."

The community forest agreement carries an initial five-year term, and grants the right to harvest up to 30,000 cubic metres of timber per year, on public forest lands within the Kalum timber supply area.

"The people and City of Terrace look forward to the employment and activity this agreement will trigger," said Terrace Mayor Jack Talstra.

"This agreement will lead to more timber being harvested and milled in and around Terrace," said Dave Menzies, director of Terrace Community Forest Limited. "The creation and support of those jobs and workers has been our objective all along."

Community forest tenures are area-based, and give communities exclusive rights to harvest timber, as well as the opportunity to manage forest resources such as timber and plant products, recreation, wildlife, water and scenic viewscapes, to meet local needs, in accordance with the province's forestry legislation and regulations.

Probationary community forest agreements are a form of legal tenure by which the Province transfers decision-making to communities that wish to more fully participate in the stewardship of local Crown forest resources. They are intended to stimulate long-term employment, forest-related education and skills training as well as other social, environmental and economic benefits while meeting environmental stewardship standards.

After an initial term of five years, the agreements may be replaced with a long-term agreement for 25 years.

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